Gauge Conversion of Dahej-Bharuch Line

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PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are aware that Dahej is a fast developing major chemical estate and a new LNG Terminal along with solid cargo handling facilities is under development;

(b) if so, whether railways are considering for conversion of 64 km. narrow gauge railway line connecting Dahej with Bharuch which is nearest Broad Gauge rail head; and

(c) when the decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej narrow gauge line is one of the identified projects under National Rail Vikas Yojana. Further processing of sanction and funding will be done as per extant procedure.

Rail Link in Madhya Pradesh

4478. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the districts in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh which have no rail links;

(b) the rail lines for which the proposals have been made and the progress thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to start work on Indore-Dohad, Indore-Manmad and Lalit Pur-Singrauli rail lines, if so, by when; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for the purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) District-wise details of rail network are not maintained.

(b) One proposal of new line from Bilaspur to Mandla via Mungeli, Pandariya and Bhoramdeo has been received from Government of Chhattisgarh. A survey for Bilaspur-Jabalpur via Mandla is already in progress.